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SUBJ: MEETING OF NAFAG SUB-GROUP 5 ON 15 - 17 SEP 75

REF: AC/224(SG/5)A/12 (AGENDA)

SUMMARY: THE MAJOR EVENT OF THE MEETING WAS A FORMAL DECLARATION
OF INTENT BY THE FRG TO ADOPT IFF MARK XII. HOWEVER, A MIXED IFF
ENVIRONMENT WILL CONTINUE TO EXIST IN CENTRAL EUROPE AS LONG AS
THE UK AND DENMARK EMPLOY THE MARK XA. END SUMMARY.

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1. THE NATO AIR FORCE ARMAMENTS GROUP SUB-GROUP V ON IDENTIFI-
CATION MET AT NATO HEADQUARTERS ON 15 - 17 SEP 1975.

2. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT OUTCOME OF THIS MEETING WAS A FORMAL

DECLARATION OF INTENT BY THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (FRG)
TO ADOPT IFF MARK XII. THIS DECLARATION IS QUOTED IN PART BELOW:

" THE FRG INTENDS TO ESTABLISH FULL MODE 4 CAPABILITY IN
ITS ARMED FORCES WITHIN THE PERIOD FROM 1975 TO 1978. THE EXISTING
IFF EQUIPMENT IS FULLY CAPABLE OF HANDLING MODE 4, INCLUDING
MODE 4 EVALUATORS; ONLY THE MODE 4 CRYPTO EQUIPMENT REQUIRES
INSTALLATION."

3. WITH THE DECISION OF THE FRG, THE FOLLOWING NATIONS HAVE FIRM
PLANS OR PROGRAMS ALREADY IN BEING TO IMPLEMENT IFF MARK XII:
CANADA, FRG, ITALY (PARTIAL NAVY), NETHERLANDS (AF AND NAVY),
AND U.S. ADDITIONALLY, BELGIUM AND FRANCE HAVE EQUIPMENT FULLY
COMPATIBLE WITH IFF MARK XII AND BOTH NATIONS GAVE STRONG SUPPORT TO
ADOPTION OF MARK XII BY ALL NATIONS. THUS, PROGRESS IS BEING
MADE TOWARD THE GOAL OF NATO EMPLOYMENT OF THE MARK XII. HOWEVER,
IT MUST BE RECOGNIZED THAT A MIXED ENVIRONMENT (MARK XA/MARK XII)
WILL EXIST AS LONG AS THE UK AND DENMARK RESIST ITS ADOPTION.

4. AGENDA ITEM V: EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION
FRANCE MADE A PRESENTATION ON FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS ON THEIR
SICLAMEN SYSTEM. SICLAMEN IS A BATTLEFIELD IFF (BIFF) SYSTEM
WHICH USES MODE 3 FOR INDIVIDUAL TARGET RECOGNITION AND MODE
4 FOR POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION.

5. AGENDA ITEM VI: ANNUAL STATEMENTS ON IFF IMPLEMENTATION.
ANNUAL STATEMENTS ON THE STATUS OF FIT FOR IFF WERE PROVIDED THE
CHAIRMAN BY THE NATIONS; FOR CONSOLIDATION AND REDISTRIBUTION.

6. AGENDA ITEM VII: REVIEW OF THE OVERALL SITUATION IN THE
FIELD OF IDENTIFICATION.
NATIONAL INPUTS WHICH REFLECTED THE VIEWS OF THE NATIONS ON THE
CURRENT AND POTENTIAL IFF PROBLEMS WERE REVIEWED AND DISCUSSED.
DUE TO THE VARIED VIEWS OF THE INDIVIDUAL NATIONS AS TO WHAT CON-
STITUTED THE MOST PRESSING PROBLEMS, IT WAS AGREED THAT THE SEC-
RETARY WOULD UNDERTAKE, ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP, THE TASK OF FORMU-
LATING A DRAFT WORKING PAPER FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING.

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7. AGENDA ITEM VIII: FORMULATION OF A FUTURE PROGRAM OF WORK.
THIS ITEM WAS DEFERRED UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING, WHEN IT IS ANTICI-
PATED THAT DISCUSSIONS ON THE WORKING PAPER WILL HAVE BEEN
COMPLETED.

8. AGENDA ITEM IX: ANY OTHER BUSINESS.
THE U.S. MADE A PRESENTATION ON (1) THE TEST EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE
FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE IFF MARK XII CRYPTO EQUIPMENT, (2) PROVIDED
GUIDANCE ON ESTABLISHMENT OF MOUS FOR THE MARK XII CRYPTO EQUIP-
MENT, AND (3) GAVE PRICE AND AVAILABILITY FOR PURCHASE OF IFF
MARK XII CRYPTO COMPONENTS BY NATO NATIONS.

9. AGENDA ITEM X: AGENDA, DATES AND PLACES OF FUTURE MEETINGS.

ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR A MEETING 19 - 21 JAN 76 AND 19 -
21 MAY 76 AT NATO HQ, AND A TENTATIVE MEETING/DEMONSTRATION
20 - 25 SEP 76 AT NIMES AND PARIS.STREATOR

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